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Senate – bill introduced re maritime security; and

House – bill introduced re harbor maintenance funding.

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USCG – suspect and counterfeit items



The US Coast Guard issued an alert regarding potential suspect and counterfeit items. Such items lack the quality and capabilities of authentic ones and can lead to marine casualties and unsafe conditions. Stakeholders should implement policies to ensure that items purchased are authentic. **Safety Alert 03-17** (4/6/17) [<https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg545/alerts/0317.pdf>].

CBP – trade symposium 24-25 May



The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued a notice stating that the 2017 West Coast Trade Symposium will be held on 24-25 May in Scottsdale, Arizona. The theme for the symposium is “Looking Ahead Together: What’s Next for Trade?”. **82 Fed. Reg. 17016** (4/7/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-04-07/pdf/2017-06990.pdf>].

Senate – bill introduced re maritime security



Senator Thune (R-SD) introduced the **Surface and Maritime Security Act** (S. 763) to improve surface and maritime transportation security. (3/29/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s763is/pdf/BILLS-115s763is.pdf>].

House – bill introduced re harbor maintenance funding



Representative Kelly (R-PA) introduced a bill (H.R. 1908) to provide for the use of funds in the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund for the purposes for which the funds were collected and to ensure that funds credited to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund are used to support navigation. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Representative Kelly issued a **press release** explaining the measure. (4/5/17) [<http://kelly.house.gov/press-release/rep-kelly-rep-defazio-introduce-bipartisan-bill-guarantee-maintenance-nation%E2%80%99s-ports>].

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